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NORMAN OSBORN, ONCE THE GREEN GOBLIN, IS THE NEW POLITICAL AND MEDIA DARLING AND DIRECTOR OF H.A.M.M.E.R., THE NATIONAL PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

NORMAN HAS UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY AS THE IRON PATRIOT AND HAS MADE BOLD MOVES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO REMAKE THE COUNTRY'S STATUS QUO INTO HIS IMAGE OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS--AN IMAGE THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE MUTANT, MONSTER OR VIGILANTE.

THE MIGHTY THOR, GOD OF THUNDER, HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO EARTH AND BROUGHT THE GOLDEN CITY OF ASGARD AND ALL THE GODS WHO IT CALLED HOME WITH HIM. ASGARD FLOATS JUST FEET ABOVE THE FIELDS OF BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.

WITH THE COAXING OF THOR'S BROTHER LOKI, NORMAN AIMS HIS SIGHTS ON ASGARD. AFTER MANUFACTURING AN INCIDENT THAT GAVE HIM AN EXCUSE TO INVADE, NORMAN DOES, IN FULL FORCE, BACKED BY HIS DARK AVENGERS, THE CORRUPTED CRIMINAL INITIATIVE TEAMS AND CONVENTIONAL H.A.M.M.E.R. FORCES –AND IN FRONT OF THE INVITED WORLD MEDIA. HIS FIRST ACT, GANGING UP ON THOR ON LIVE TELEVISION, ONLY SERVES TO ENRAGE THE HEROES ALIGNING AGAINST NORMAN, INCLUDING THE NEWLY RESURRECTED CAPTAIN AMERICA, STEVE ROGERS.

IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, ARES, GOD OF WAR AND ONE OF NORMAN'S AVENGERS, DISCOVERED THE TRUTH BEHIND NORMAN'S INVASION OF ASGARD. BETRAYED AND ENRAGED, ARES TURNED ON OSBORN ONLY TO BE BRUTALLY BEATEN AND THEN UTTERLY DESTROYED BY NORMAN'S ATTACK DOG, THE NIGH-INVULNERABLE AND SEVERELY DERANGED SENTRY.

BEFORE THE SHOCK COULD WEAR OFF, CAPTAIN AMERICA ARRIVED WITH EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES IN TOW…

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE HAVE AN UPDATE.

GOOD LORD, WHAT NOW...?

OSBORN HAS CALLED THE ENTIRETY OF THE INITIATIVE INTO THE ASGARD OFFENSIVE.

THE *ENTIRETY* OF IT?

THEY ARE MOBILIZING NOW.

WHY IS HE DOING THIS? I *SPECIFICALLY* TOLD HIM NOT TO!

IT SEEMS HE HAS MADE UP HIS OWN MIND.

OKAY, OKAY.

IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS, WHAT IS OUR MOVE?

SIR, WE-- WE'D CALL THE AVENGERS IN...

WE'D CALL NORMAN OSBORN.

MR. SECRETARY, MOBILIZE ALL OF OUR AVAILABLE MILITARY FORCES.

GET GENERAL STEWART TO OKLAHOMA.

THE ORDER IS: ARREST NORMAN OSBORN AND HIS TEAM FOR TREASON.

AND HOPE FOR A MIRACLE.

UM, I THINK WE JUST GOT ONE...

"CAPTAIN AMERICA JUST SHOWED UP.

"AND HE BROUGHT HIS FRIENDS."

ASGARD.

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

OH, MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M INCLUDED IN THAT.

I KNOW. COOL, RIGHT?

CLANG

"SIR, UM, *NICK FURY* IS WITH THEM."

"NICK FURY HAS RESURFACED?"

"AND AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, HE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA HAVE TEAMED UP."

"ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME?"

LIKE WE PRACTICED, YA PUNKS!

WARRIORS, HIT THE GROUND AND BACK UP THE ASGARDIANS.

WELL, HEY, LOOK WHO GOT SOME STONES ALL OF A SUDDEN.

HIDING IN YOUR MOMMY'S BASEMENT TIME IS OVER, IS IT?

WELL, I SURE AS @#$% SAW THIS COMING.

"AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE RECRUITED ALL THEIR FORMER TEAMMATES AND THEIR--ALL THE HEROES IN TRAINING."

"ARE WE *HAPPY* ABOUT THIS?"

"I GUESS THAT DEPENDS ON HOW IT ALL TURNS OUT, SIR."

WOW. LOOK AT THE MESS OF THE PLACE THEY'VE MADE ALREADY.

WELCOME TO WARTIME, JESS.

AVENGERS! FOCUS ON OSBORN'S ALPHA FORCES--TAKE 'EM DOWN.

WITH EXTREME PLEASURE.

"AND YOU SAID, CAPTAIN AMERICA?"

"YES SIR."

"WELL, ALL RIGHT."

FRIENDS OF MY BROTHER THOR, YOUR HELP IS WELCOME!

YEAH, WE DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MIND.

"SIR, WE'RE RECEIVING INTEL FROM, WE BELIEVE, MARIA HILL."

"WHERE IS SHE?"

"SHE'S RIGHT IN IT, SIR. SHE'S IN BROXTON."

"MARIA HILL *AND* NICK FURY?

"WHAT IS SHE DOING THERE? IS SHE WITH TONY STARK?"

"SHE'S WITH THOR, SIR."

LOOK AT *THAT!*

THAT, MS. HILL, IS WHAT MAKES STEVE ROGERS ONE OF THE GREATEST MORTALS THIS REALM HAS EVER--

NO. NOT THAT.

THAT!

"MS. HILL IS CONFIRMING SOME BAD NEWS FOR US, MISTER PRESIDENT..."

"LIKE?"

"THE SENTRY. NORMAN'S ATTACK DOG.

"NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE IS OR WHAT HE CAN DO.

"THERE SEEMS TO BE NO LIMIT TO HIS POWER SET."

"WHAT DOES HIS FILE SAY?"

"IT SAYS THERE'S NO LIMIT TO HIS POWER SET."

HOW MANY GODS WILL I HAVE TO KILL TODAY?

WRATH

ODIN'S EYE.

"I WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHO NORMAN IS USING IN THIS. I WANT NAMES, I WANT TO KNOW HIS--"

"WELL, SIR, WE KNOW THAT THE ENTIRETY OF CAMP H.A.M.M.E.R. IS THERE.

"TASKMASTER IS THERE."

OW, YOU *BIT* ME YOU SON OF A--!

CALL ME NUTS, BUT I THINK WE CAN *DO* THIS.

OKAY. YOU'RE NUTS.

I WON'T LIE TO YOU, CAPTAIN AMERICA, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO A REMATCH FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

REALLY? I BARELY REMEMBER YOU.

WELL, YOU KNOW YOU'VE LIVED A COLORFUL LIFE IF SKULL-HEAD HERE DOESN'T MAKE AN IMPRESSION.

I'VE MET A FEW SKULL-HEADS.

WELL, *THAT'S* TRUE.

LOKI, ARE THEY READY?

I NEED THEM **NOW!**

OH, COME *ON...*

GENTLEMEN, AS A DEPUTIZED MEMBER OF THE INITIATIVE...YOU ARE ALL UNDER ARREST.

EXACTLY.

THEY SEEM TO BE RESISTING.

SO BE IT.

"WHAT IS THAT? WHAT JUST HAPPENED?"

"THAT--THAT, SIR, IS PARKER ROBBINS."

"PARKER ROBBINS?"

"THE FILES SAY HE'S KNOWN AS... THE HOOD."

"HE'S--YOU MEAN *THE GANGSTER?*"

"HE'S A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT, SIR. AND IT SEEMS HE'S BROUGHT EVERYONE HE KNOWS."

"AND WHOSE SIDE IS *HE* ON?"

"NOT OURS."

BROXTON, OKLAHOMA.

TONY?

TONY STARK?

I REALLY NEED YOU TO GET UP.

SKEE

@#$%!

BAM BAM BAM BAM

STOP SHOOTING AT ME!

DROP THE CASE AND HANDS IN THE AIR!

M-MY NAME IS TOMMY SHEPHERD. I'M- I'M SPEED!

I'M WITH THE YOUNG AVENGERS.

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. HANDS IN THE AIR.

I'M HERE-- CAPTAIN AMERICA SENT ME HERE.

TO FIND YOU.

TO GIVE THIS TO TONY STARK.

PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR OR I'LL--!

MARIA...

IT'S OKAY.

BRING IT HERE, SON.

"OKAY, MISTER PRESIDENT, WE HAVE GROUND AND AIR TROOPS IN POSITION.

"YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE CALL.

"DO YOU WANT A CARPET-BOMB ASSAULT ON ASGARD PROPER?"

"SHOULD WE WAIT AND SEE IF CAPTAIN AMERICA'S CAMPAIGN IS SUCCESSFUL?

"I'M NOT READY TO ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THESE HEROES WHO ARE STANDING UP FOR US."

"YOU DIDN'T CREATE THIS SITUATION, SIR, NORMAN OSBORN DID.

"HE HAS NOT ONLY DECLARED WAR ON ASGARD, BUT ON YOU. ON AMERICA.

"OSBORN IS THE ONE THAT DECIDED TO PUT THIS ON TELEVISION.

"OSBORN IS THE ONE THAT FORCED YOUR HAND."

ENOUGH!

LEAVE THE GROUND BATTLE TO CAPTAIN AMERICA.

SIR, I--?

THERE IS PLENTY WE CAN DO.

TAKE DOWN H.A.M.M.E.R.

THE ORDER IS GIVEN.

BOOM
ALL HANDS! THIS IS VICTORIA HAND! ABANDON SHIP! I REPEAT!
ABANDON SHIP.

YOU'VE CHOSEN THE WRONG MASTER AND YOU'VE CHOSEN THE WRONG BATTLEFIELD!

AND FOR THAT, I MUST SMITE YOU DOWN WITH ALL THE POWER AT MY COMMAND!

KRAKABOOM

STEVE ROGERS, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

FSHAAMMM

FSHAAMMM

FUNNY THAT, OSBORN. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU!

FSHAAMMM

YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!

YOU'RE ALL GOING TO FRY FOR--FOR--FOR TREASON!

FSHAAMMM

AARRGGHH!

KTANG

ARMOR. SHIELDS.

SHIELDS DOWN. INTERFACE CORRUPTION DETECTED.

INTERFACE CORRUPTION?

DATABASE AND POWER CELL CORRUPTION DETECTED.

THAT WOULD BE ME, NORMAN...

YOU KNOW THAT WHOLE THING ABOUT HE GIVETH AND TAKETH AWAY... YEAH?

I'LL HAVE YOUR ARMOR--I MEAN THE ARMOR YOU **STOLE** FROM ME--SHUT DOWN FOR GOOD IN JUST A COUPLE OF SECONDS.

ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY BEFORE CAPTAIN AMERICA PULLS OFF YOUR HEAD?

SYSTEMS FAILURE.

NO! NO... VICTORIA...

SYSTEMS FAILURE. ARMOR OVERRIDE DETECTED.

LOOK AT THAT...

AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S ALL WORTHWHILE.

BOB! BOB!

SYSTEMS FAILURE.

DON'T LET THEM WIN! BRING IT DOWN!

BRING IT ALL DOWN, ROBERT!

DON'T LET THEM WIN!

NO...

FABOOM

KRAKKAFA BOOM

no...

BOOM

FATHER...

NONONO...

C'MERE!

AAGGH!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, OSBORN.

NO!

SHABAM

SLANG

NOONOONOONOO

OH, MAN...

NONONO NONO

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

TELL ME YOU--

YES.

TOLDJA.

TOLDJA.

UH-OH...

TIME TO GO.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE...

YOU THINK YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING HERE?!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

SOK

OH, WILL YOU SHUT UP!

NNNN...

I'M THE-- I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN C-C-C-CONTROL HIM.

ME.

THE ONLY ONE...

WHERE IS LOKI, OSBORN? WHERE IS MY BROTHER IN ALL THIS?

HE'S DEAD.

WHAT? WHAT MADNESS DO YOU SPEAK?

HE'S DEAD.

YOU'RE DEAD.

YOU'RE ALL DEAD.

HE'S GOING TO KILL YOU ALL.

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD STOP HIM...

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW WHAT HE REALLY WAS.

HOW--HOW POWERFUL HE WAS.

I WAS SAVING YOU ALL FROM HIM.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'VE...

OH, NO...

I WAS SAVING YOU.

TO BE CONCLUDED...

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TRANSMITTING

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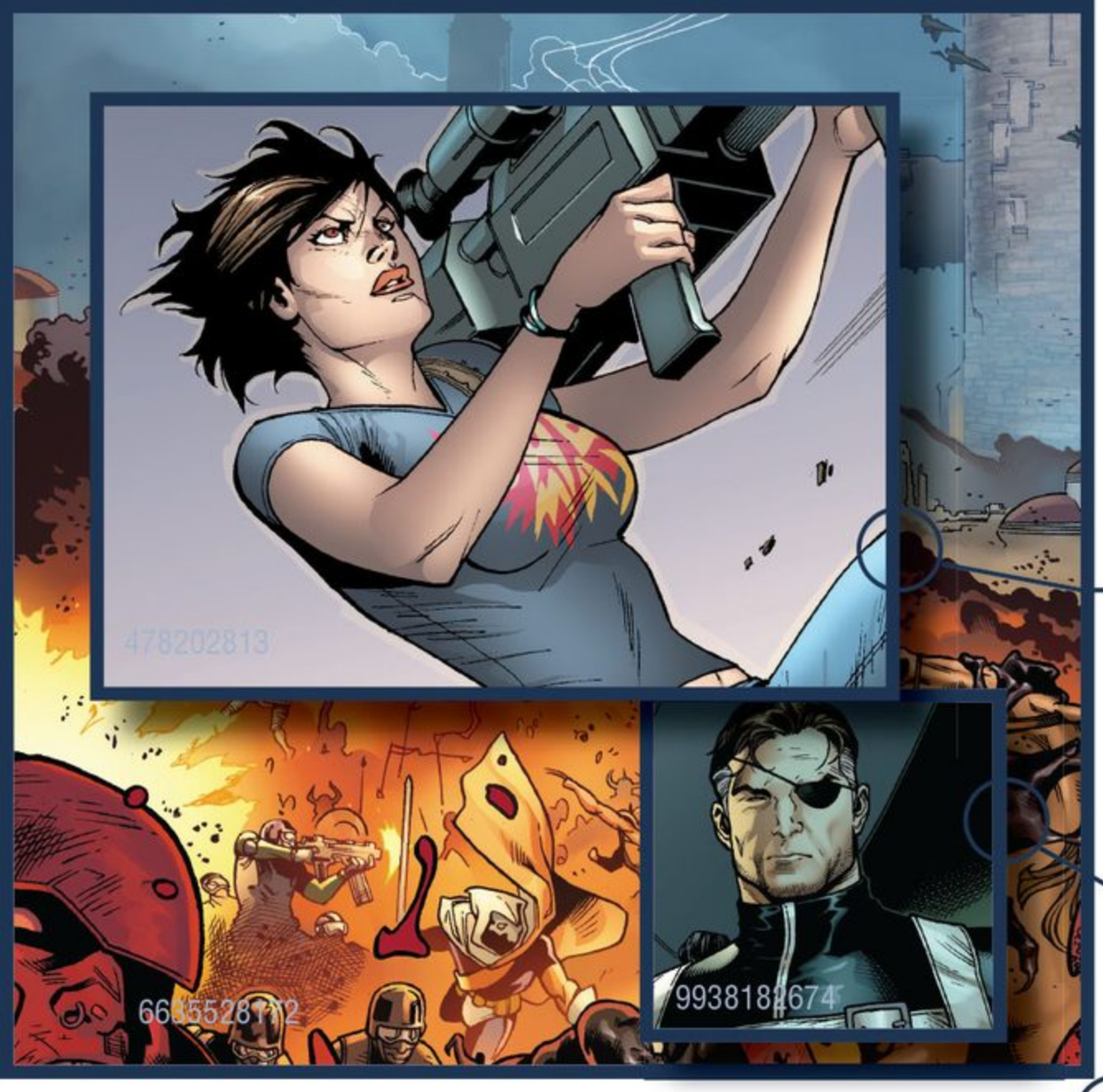

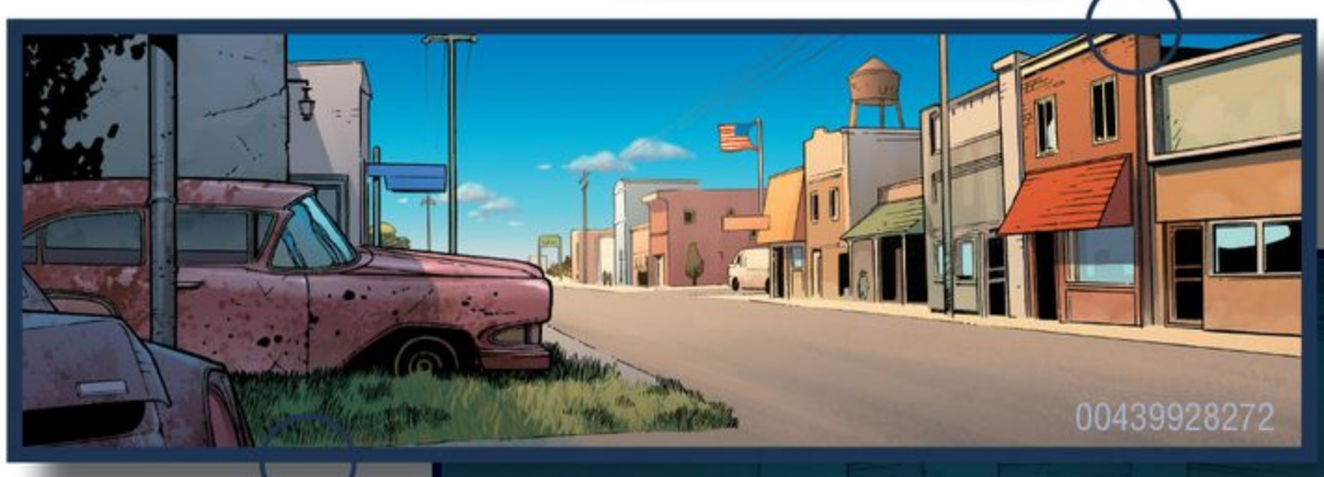

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14:12

MARIA HILL

This is **Maria Hill** broadcasting on the secure S.H.I.E.L.D. Command Server. I know I do not have permission to use this server anymore and I am sorry I had to use an old **Nick Fury** trick to hack into it. But I need to get hold of you and I have no other choice. I am here in **Broxton, Oklahoma** caring for Tony Stark, who is out of commission. I have first-hand eyewitness testimony that **Norman Osborn** has taken an offensive stance against the colony of **Asgard.** This is a massive ground and air strike. I feel the entire city of Broxton is in jeopardy, thousands of American civilian lives, not to mention the countless Asgardians. I pray to God you did not approve this initiative. Something has to be done. Please advise. Is Osborn off the grid?

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL

Miss Hill, your text transmission came in loud and clear. You have the ear of the entire situation room including the President and Vice President. Osborn is rogue. I repeat, Osborn is rogue. We are fully aware of the incident. It is broadcasting live on all commercial networks. Osborn called the press himself and we assume is using it to embolden his position. Be clear-- he has no executive authority to act against Asgard. He is acting on his own. Your intel is welcome.

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TRANSMISSION TIME CODE
15:02

MARIA HILL
This is Maria Hill. With the help of a local, I just rescued **Thor** from an assassination attempt by Osborn himself. I was able to get in and get out safely. I saved Thor but now **H.A.M.M.E.R.** ground units are in the city proper looking for us.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL
Hill, we witnessed the rescue. Job well done. The President has authorized you to take down Osborn if you have the shot. You have executive authority.

MARIA HILL
This is Maria Hill. I do not have the shot or firepower. I am in hiding with Thor until he recovers. Thor has a better chance of taking Osborn out than I do. With permission, I will transfer the President's order to him but I don't think he needs our permission to do what needs to be done to save his home.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL
Armed forces are on their way. Sit tight, agent.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HIGH-PRIORITY CLEARANCE

TRANSMISSION TIME CODE
15:19

MARIA HILL

This is Maria Hill. Both Thor and myself strongly advise against a U.S. military force here on the ground. This entire city will be torn to shreds by even the slightest ground conflict. Do not bring troops into the city. Focus your efforts on the **Helicarrier** and the aerial assault over Asgard itself.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL

We are deploying troops to both Broxton and Asgard. Identify yourself to the first Marines you see. Command is aware of your situation. Send your coordinates and a rescue team will deploy to you.

MARIA HILL

No!!! Do not come for me!! Do not come into the city. **Captain America** and the **Avengers** are now in Asgard. Back them up. Do not come to Broxton! I repeat! Do not come to Broxton.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL

Negative. We are deploying troops into the city. The President asks that you advise the ground troops as needed. Is Thor out of commission? Is Tony Stark alive?

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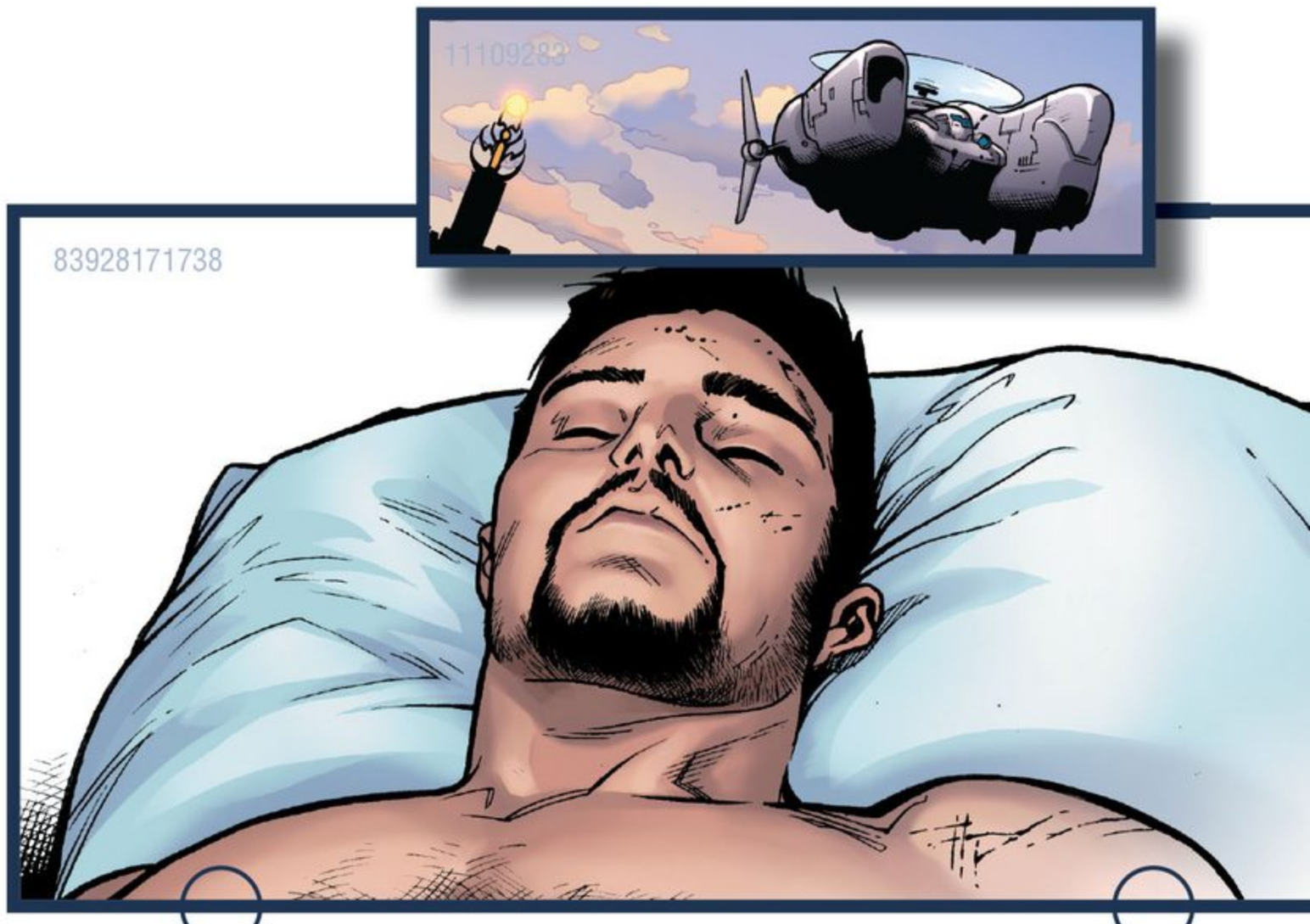
TRANSMISSION TIME CODE
15:27

MARIA HILL
This is Maria Hill. Thor is alive and engaged in battle with the Sentry over the city of Broxton. H.A.M.M.E.R. troops have declared martial law on the streets. I am with **Tony Stark.** He is recovering and suiting up. Mister President, Tony Stark wants your order to go into battle. He is going to go in either way, but he is requesting your order.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL
Tell Mister Stark he has authority and the President's blessing.

MARIA HILL
This is Maria Hill. Iron Man is in the air, I repeat, Iron Man is in the air! But Osborn has called in **reinforcements.** I can't ID them from my rooftop angle, but I strongly advise you put the call out to Scott Summers of the X-Men and Reed Richards of the Fantastic Four. The Avengers need backup. I repeat, the Avengers need backup.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL
Backup and military force are on the way.



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. HIGH-PRIORITY CLEARANCE

TRANSMISSION TIME CODE
15: 44

MARIA HILL
This is Maria Hill. The Sentry has struck the foundation of Asgard. The entire colony is tipping. If you are hearing me, Asgard is buckling! Its entire city is--is tipping over and--oh Lord! **Asgard is down!** Oh my God! I repeat! Asgard has fallen!! Oh my God! Oh my--

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RIDELL
We did not copy.

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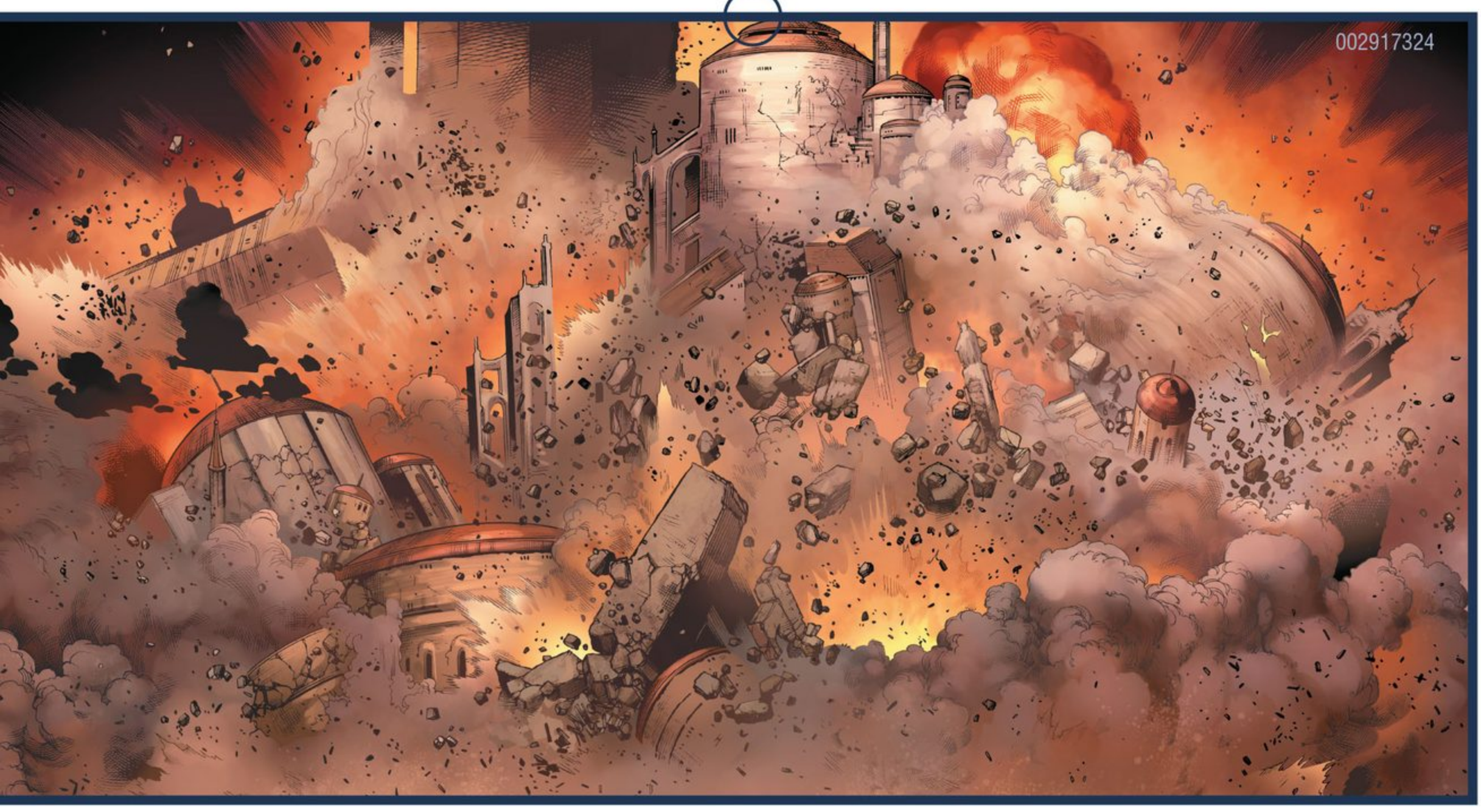

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